

1 CLAIMS:

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3 1. A gaming machine including:

4 (a) a cabinet;

5 (b) a game video display mounted on a front side of the cabinet;

6 (c) a first additional video display mounted on the front side of the cabinet above the
7 game video display, the first additional video display making up substantially the
8 entire area of the front side of the gaming machine above the game video display;9 (d) a player control device mounted on the front side of the cabinet, the player control
10 device being separate from the game video display or first additional video display
11 or being or integrated with the game video display; and12 (e) a second additional video display mounted on the front side of the cabinet below
13 the game video display and player control device, the second additional video
14 display extending substantially the entire width of the front side of the gaming
15 machine in an area immediately below the game video display or player control
16 device.17
18 2. The gaming machine of Claim 1 wherein the player control device includes a player
19 control touch screen display.
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1 3. The gaming machine of Claim 2 wherein the player control touch screen forms at least a
2 portion of a forwardly projecting ledge located below the game video display, the
3 forwardly projecting ledge extending transversely to a plane of the game video display.

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5 4. The gaming machine of Claim 3 further including a mechanical player input device or
6 player interface device mounted on the forwardly projecting ledge.

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8 5. The gaming machine of Claim 1 further including at least one player interface device
9 mounted on the lower front surface of the gaming machine adjacent to the second
10 additional video display.

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12 6. A gaming system including:

- 13 (a) a number of gaming machines, each gaming machine including a respective
14 single-player game presentation arrangement having two or more video displays
15 and also including at least one processor for controlling the video displays; and
16 (b) a game modification controller in communication with each respective gaming
17 machine, the game modification controller for selectively communicating
18 presentation switching instructions to each respective gaming machine, the
19 presentation switching instructions being executable at the gaming machine to
20 cause the respective gaming machine to switch the content of each video display

1 in the operation of the respective gaming machine from content for a first game
2 presentation to content for a second game presentation.

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4 7. The gaming system of Claim 6 wherein each gaming machine includes a game video
5 display mounted on a front face of the cabinet and an additional video display mounted
6 on the front side of the gaming cabinet above or below the game video display.

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8 8. The gaming system of Claim 7 wherein at least one of the gaming machines includes a
9 player control touch screen mounted on the front side so as to form an outwardly
10 extending ledge below the game video display.

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12 9. The gaming system of Claim 7 further including a game presentation server with a
13 presentation storage arrangement for storing multiple sets of presentation instructions,
14 each set of presentation instructions being executable at a respective one of the gaming
15 machines to define at least a portion of the video content of at least two different video
16 displays on the respective gaming machine during the operation of the respective gaming
17 machine.

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19 10. The gaming system of Claim 9 wherein the game modification controller is also for
20 directing the transfer of a new set of presentation instructions from the presentation server

1 to a respective one of the gaming machines in connection with presentation switching
2 instructions communicated to the respective gaming machine.

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4 11. The gaming system of Claim 6 further including a gaming machine usage monitoring
5 arrangement for monitoring the usage of at least a portion of the gaming machines and
6 providing control inputs to the game modification controller based on the usage of at least
7 a portion of the gaming machines.

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9 12. The gaming system of Claim 6 wherein the game modification controller communicates
10 presentation switching instructions to a respective gaming machine in response to a player
11 input at the gaming machine.

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13 13. The gaming system of Claim 6 wherein at least one of the gaming machines includes a
14 storage device storing a number of sets of presentation instructions, each set of
15 presentation instructions being executable at the gaming machine to define at least a
16 portion of the video content of at least two different video displays on the respective
17 gaming machine during the operation of the respective gaming machine.

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19 14. A method of making a game presentation at a gaming machine, the method including
20 steps of:

- 1 (a) displaying a first game presentation component on a first video display mounted
2 on a front side of the gaming machine, the first game presentation component
3 comprising a portion of a first game presentation;
- 4 (b) simultaneously with displaying the first game presentation component, displaying
5 a second game presentation component on a second video display mounted on the
6 front side of the gaming machine, the second game presentation component
7 comprising a portion of the first game presentation; and
- 8 (c) simultaneously with displaying the first game presentation component, displaying
9 a third game presentation component on a third video display mounted on the
10 front side of the gaming machine, the third game presentation component
11 comprising a portion of the first game presentation.

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- 13 15. The method of Claim 14 further including the step of, simultaneously with displaying the
14 first game presentation component, displaying a fourth game presentation component on a
15 fourth video display mounted on the front side of the gaming machine, the fourth game
16 presentation component comprising a portion of the first game presentation.

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- 18 16. A method of controlling a gaming machine, the method including steps of:

- 19 (a) displaying a first game presentation through a number of video displays mounted
20 on a front side of the gaming machine, each respective video display showing a
21 respective portion of the first game presentation;

- 1 (b) producing a presentation switching instruction at least partially based on
2 conditions of a gaming system in which the gaming machine is included; and
3 (c) in response to the presentation switching instruction, displaying a second game
4 presentation through the video displays mounted on the front side of the gaming
5 machine, each respective video display showing a respective portion of the second
6 game presentation.

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8 17. The method of Claim 16 further including the step of monitoring usage of the gaming
9 machine or additional gaming machines in the gaming system to produce usage
10 information and wherein the presentation switching instruction is issued in response to
11 the usage information.

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13 18. The method of Claim 16 further including the step of simultaneously storing a first game
14 presentation instruction set and a second game presentation instruction set at the gaming
15 machine, the first game presentation instruction set being executable to display the first
16 game presentation and the second game presentation instruction set being executable to
17 display the second game presentation.

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19 19. The method of Claim 16 further including the steps of:

- 20 (a) storing a second game presentation instruction set at a game presentation server
21 remote from the gaming machine; and

1 (b) communicating the second game presentation instruction set to the gaming
2 machine to facilitate the display of the second game presentation at the gaming
3 machine.
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5 20. The method of Claim 16 wherein the step of producing the presentation switching
6 instruction at least partially based on conditions of the gaming system is performed based
7 on conditions of the gaming system monitored by the gaming machine.
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9 21. A gaming machine including:

- 10 (a) a cabinet;
11 (b) a game video display mounted on a front side of the cabinet; and
12 (c) player control touch screen forming at least a portion of a forwardly projecting
13 ledge located below the game video display, the forwardly projecting ledge
14 extending transversely to a plane of the game video display.
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16 22. The gaming machine of Claim 21 further including a first additional video display
17 mounted on the front side of the cabinet above the game video display, the first additional
18 video display making up substantially the entire area of the front side of the gaming
19 machine above the game video display.
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- 1 23. The gaming machine of Claim 22 further including a second additional video display
2 mounted on the front side of the cabinet below the player control touch screen.
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- 4 24. The gaming machine of Claim 21 further including a player input device or player
5 interface device separate from the player control touch screen and mounted on the
6 forwardly projecting ledge.